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SUBJECT:BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT-
ELECT OF MEXICO JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO - SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 1976

PARTICIPANTS

US:

THE SECRETARY; DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON; ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN; HELEN B. LANE, NOTETAKER; ANTHONY J.
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MEXICO:

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO; RAFAEL IZQUIERDO,
ADVISER TO LOPEZ PORTILLO.

CHECKLIST

(IF RAISED) WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN
JOINT IN DEPTH STUDIES OF MIGRATION, POPULATION, AND
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO SEEK
SOLUTIONS TO THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKER PROBLEM.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR MEXICAN COOPERATION ON
THE DRUG CONTROL PROBLEM.

HOPE FOR SUCCESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A TREATY TO
PERMIT PRISONERS TO SERVE SENTENCES IN THEIR COUNTRY OF
ORIGIN.

WE HAVE NO FINAL POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE
NEXT UN SECRETARY GENERAL BUT UNDERSTAND WALDHEIM HAS
SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT.

SETTING

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO'S VISIT CONTIN-
UES A PRACTICE OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT-ELECT.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, WHO TAKES OFFICE DECEMBER 1,
WILL MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 24, WITH THE
PRESIDENT AND IS EAGER TO MEET WITH YOU AGAIN PERSONALLY.
YOU FIRST MET HIM DURING YOUR VISIT TO MEXICO CITY LAST
JUNE.

HE VIEWS HIS VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN
BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH HE MAY SEE AS HAVING BEEN HARMED
BY THE STYLE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. DESPITE SOME OUT-
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WARD DIFFERENCES OUR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
HAVE BEEN GOOD.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WHICH HE WILL SHORTLY INHERIT.

OUR PURPOSE IN THIS VISIT IS:

TO REASSURE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE AND STRENGTHEN OUR CLOSE BILATERAL TIES;

TO ACKNOWLEDGE MEXICO'S COOPERATION ON DRUGS, THE PRISONER ISSUE, BOUNDARY QUESTIONS AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES;

TO EXPRESS OUR DESIRE TO FIND EVER MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO COLLABORATE ON SOLVING PROBLEMS OF BOTH OUR NATIONS;

TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTRIBUTE TO HAVING MEXICO REMAIN A POLITICALLY STABLE AND ECONOMICALLY STRONG NEIGHBOR;

TO EXCHANGE VIEWPOINTS AND SEEK MEXICAN COOPERATION ON HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD PROBLEMS.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

WE EXPECT LOPEZ PORTILLO TO CONTINUE ECHEVERRIA'S REFORMIST POLICIES, STRESS ECONOMIC GROWTH BALANCED WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE, BUT TONE DOWN ECHEVERRIA'S HEAVY STRESS ON THIRD WORLD POLITICS. DURING THE SIX YEARS THAT ECHEVERRIA MADE MEXICO A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF THIRD WORLD ISSUES DOMESTIC PROBLEMS INCREASED:

EFFORTS TO INCREASE PUBLIC SPENDING FOR FUTURE GROWTH SERIOUSLY STRAINED THE ECONOMY.

MOUNTING INFLATION, TRADE DEFICITS, AND FOREIGN DEBT OBLIGATIONS RESULTED IN A GNP GROWTH RATE ONLY
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SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE ANNUAL POPULATION INCREASE.

SIGNS OF GENERAL POLITICAL INSTABILITY APPEARED IN THE FORM OF LAND SEIZURES AND SCATTERED TERRORIST INCIDENTS - INCLUDING AN ATTEMPTED KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATION OF LOPEZ PORTILLO'S SISTER. A LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED BY 76 CONGRESSMEN VIEWED THE LAND SEIZURES AND OTHER INCIDENTS AS INDICATIONS THAT COMMUNISM WAS BEING IMPOSED IN MEXICO.

THE AUGUST 31 DECISION TO FLOAT THE PESO WAS TAKEN TO STOP THE FLIGHT OF CAPITAL. THIS DECISION BROKE THE 22-YEAR EXCHANGE PARITY WITH THE DOLLAR, AND RESULTED IN A 40 PERCENT DEVALUATION. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT MOVED VIGOROUSLY TO ENFORCE THE TYPE OF ANTI-INFLA-

TION MEASURES NECESSARY TO MAKE THE FLOAT EFFECTIVE.

MEXICO'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE LAST DECADES HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE, BUT HER POPULATION IS GROWING AT A HIGHER RATE THAN ANY MAJOR COUNTRY (3.3 PERCENT). ECHEVERRIA REVERSED THE TRADITIONAL NATALIST POLICY OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN 1973, BUT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS AS YET THAT POPULATION GROWTH IS SLOWING. THIS HAS MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR US:

ILLEGAL MIGRATION, ALREADY A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, COULD BECOME A CRITICALLY DIVISIVE ISSUE BETWEEN US AS MEXICAN POPULATION EXPANDS BY 20 MILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

MEXICO'S INCREASING INABILITY TO PROVIDE JOBS, HOUSING, FARMLAND, AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE MASSES COULD RESULT IN POLITICAL INSTABILITY, PARTICULARLY IF THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS SHOULD BE CUT BACK.

WE SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO LOPEZ PORTILLO SHOULD HE SEEK U.S. PARTICIPATION IN JOINT SERIOUS STUDIES ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF MIGRATION, POPULATION, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
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COURTESY POINTS

WE WERE SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE ATTEMPTED KIDNAP/ ASSASSINATION OF YOUR SISTER AND GRATEFUL THAT SHE ESCAPED WITH ONLY MINOR INJURIES.

WE WERE DISTURBED BY THE LETTER SENT BY CONGRESSMEN STATING THAT MEXICO IS GOING COMMUNIST AND HAVE INFORMED THE SIGNERS OF THE LETTER THAT THESE CHARGES ARE UNFOUNDED.

ISSUES/TALKING POINTS

1. BILATERAL RELATIONS

LOPEZ PORTILLO WANTS TO EMPHASIZE POSITIVE COOPERATION TO SOLVE BILATERAL PROBLEMS, TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE BY HIS PREDECESSOR'S OFTEN ERRATIC POLICIES AND STATEMENTS. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS VISIT HE ALSO WANTS TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS, LEADERS OF THE U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND REPRESENTATIVES

OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AGENCIES. IF LOPEZ PORTILLO SHOULD SUGGEST IN DEPTH BILATERAL STUDIES, AS WE THINK HE MIGHT, WE SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN JOINT IN DEPTH STUDIES ACROSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF INTER-RELATED MIGRATION, POPULATION, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR STRONG COMMERCIAL TIES WITH MEXICO.

2. ILLEGAL ALIENS

DURING THE OCTOBER 1974 MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS FORD AND ECHEVERRIA, THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL ALIENS WAS PRIMARILY A MEXICAN PROBLEM AND THAT A BRACERO PROGRAM WAS NOT THE SOLUTION.
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PRESIDENT FORD RECOMMENDED THAT JOINT COMMITTEES BE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY THE PROBLEM IN DEPTH. THESE COMMITTEES CONCLUDED A USEFUL MEETING IN WASHINGTON THIS PAST APRIL AND THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN ARE PLANNING TO VISIT SEVERAL INS REPATRIATION AREAS AT THE BORDER LATER THIS MONTH.

THE INS INITIATED AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN JULY TO REPATRIATE SOME 18,000 UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS TO THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO BY AIR OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. THE GOM, FEARING THE POSSIBILITY OF MASSIVE DEPORTATIONS REFUSED TO PERMIT RETURN BY CHARTER FLIGHTS BUT HAS AGREED RELUCTANTLY TO COOPERATE IN A PROGRAM IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE RETURNING BY COMMERCIAL CARRIERS.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

THE U.S. AND MEXICAN COMMISSIONS HAVE MET AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO DEFINE THE COMPLEX ELEMENTS OF THE MIGRATION PROBLEM.

THE LARGE NUMBERS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN THE U.S. ARE ATTRACTING INCREASING NATIONAL ATTENTION. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR US TO WORK CLOSELY IN SEEKING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR CONCERN ABOUT MASS DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS TO MEXICO AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NO SUCH PROGRAM IS CONTEMPLATED.

3. BORDER RELATIONS

BORDER RELATIONS ARE GENERALLY EXCELLENT, WITH THE SALINITY PROBLEM SOLVED AND EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION OF LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMPLETED. THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION IS COMPLETING RELOCATION OF THE RIO GRANDE AT THREE LOCATIONS.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL
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BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSIONS WHICH WORK EFFECTIVELY TO SOLVE BORDER-RELATED PROBLEMS.

THE COMPLETION OF THE RIO GRANDE RELOCATIONS AND TRANSFER OF ACREAGE OFFER A SUITABLE OCCASION FOR A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING ONCE LEGAL DELAYS ARE OVERCOME.

4. NARCOTICS CONTROL

MEXICAN COOPERATION TO STOP THE FLOW OF HEROIN ENTERING THE U.S. FROM MEXICO HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. LAST NOVEMBER THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BEGAN AERIAL SPRAYING OF THE HEROIN POPPY FIELDS WITH HERBICIDE. SINCE THEN OVER 20,000 POPPY FIELDS HAVE BEEN SPRAYED. WE EXPECT THAT CAMPAIGN WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE MEXICAN HEROIN AVAILABILITY IN THE U.S. IT IS VITAL THAT THIS CAMPAIGN BE CONTINUED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION BY THE LOPEZ PORTILLO ADMINISTRATION.

LOPEZ PORTILLO KNOWS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW THOROUGHLY HE UNDERSTANDS THE EXTENT OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MEXICAN EFFORT. HE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE POOR FARMERS LURED BY TRAFFICKERS TO PRODUCE THE ILLEGAL BUT LUCRATIVE HEROIN POPPY CROP. NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS ARE INADEQUATE TO FINANCE A PROGRAM OF CROP SUBSTITUTION OF THE MAGNITUDE THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE MEXICAN FARMERS AT THE SAME ECONOMIC LEVEL AS THAT WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NARCOTICS CROPS. ALSO, LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES PUT PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON LOW INCOME COUNTRIES.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL AND THE EXPANDED RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO THE ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS;

WE APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM
YOUR GOVERNMENT IN WORKING WITH US ON OUR DRUG PROBLEM;

WE GIVE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAINING THE CURRENT
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SUCCESSFUL MOMENTUM OF MEXICO'S ERADICATION AND
INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN;

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRACTICAL TO COMBAT
HEROIN TRAFFICKING BY MEANS OF A CROP SUBSTITUTION
PROGRAM.

5. U.S. PRISONERS

RELATED TO THE OVERALL NARCOTICS PROBLEM, IS THE
SITUATION OF THE APPROXIMATELY 600 U.S. PRISONERS IN
MEXICAN JAILS, MOST OF THEM CHARGED WITH DRUG RELATED
OFFENSES. INSTANCES OF PHYSICAL ABUSE AND EXTORTION
OF NEWLY ARRESTED AMERICANS CONTINUE DESPITE EMBASSY
PROTESTS, ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT IMPROVED
FOR MANY WITH THE CLOSING OF THE INFAMOUS LECUMBERRI
PRISON IN MEXICO CITY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS
FOR PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS TO
ARRESTED AMERICAN CITIZENS. SUCH ACCESS WOULD DETER
PHYSICAL ABUSE AND MAKE IT EASIER TO VERIFY THE VALIDITY
OF ALLEGATIONS. MEXICO'S FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS PROPOSED
THAT WE LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMITTING U.S.
AND MEXICAN PRISONERS TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCES IN THEIR
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN. THE PROPOSAL IS UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED
LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE MANY NARCOTICS VIOLATORS
ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER PARTIALLY SERVING THEIR
SENTENCES.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

I AM GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATING
A TREATY BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS TO PERMIT PRISONERS
TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCES IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. THIS
WAS A MOST IMAGINATIVE AND HELPFUL PROPOSAL OF THE
MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF HOW WE
CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.

THERE IS NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN A STRONG PROGRAM
TO PROSECUTE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND THE OBSERVANCE OF
THEIR LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS;
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MEANWHILE,PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS OF AMERICANS ARRESTED ARE CLEARLY IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS;

6. ENERGY (IF RAISED)

A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR MEXICO IS PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT. U.S. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES PLACE PROBABLE RESERVES AT OVER 30 BILLION BARRELS, WHICH

IS DOUBLE VENEZUELAN RESERVES. WE ALSO HAVE A MAJOR INTEREST IN THE LEVEL OF MEXICAN OIL PRODUCTION. MEXICO IS JEALOUS OF ITS INDEPENDENCE IN THE PETROLEUM FIELD, AND THE MEXICAN PRESS HAS REACTED TO ANYTHING THAT CAN BE EVEN REMOTELY CONSTRUED AS AMERICAN INFLUENCE ON MEXICAN ENERGY POLICY. HOWEVER, LOPEZ PORTILLO RECENTLY INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ENERGY MATTERS IN WASHINGTON, PROVIDED SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT. WE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO TELL THE MEXICANS WHAT TO DO, ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD INDICATE OUR HOPE THAT MEXICAN PRODUCTION WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN WORLD DEMAND.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING YOUR PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS AND ANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU BELIEVE WE COULD HELP.

WE NOTE THAT RECENT DISCOVERIES OF PETROLEUM HAVE ENABLED MEXICO TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT AND ONCE AGAIN A NET EXPORTER OF OIL.

7. ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY TO SUCCEED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

THOUGH WALDHEIM HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY FOR REAPPOINTMENT WHEN HIS TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES THE END OF THIS YEAR, EVERY IN-
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DICATION WE HAVE IS THAT HE IS AVAILABLE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM HIM, WE HAVE TAKEN NO POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL,

ALTHOUGH WALDHEIM UNDERSTANDS THAT WE WILL SUPPORT HIM. THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVE CANDIDATE IS PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, THOUGH OTHERS HAVE BEEN REPORTED INTERESTED, AMONG THEM VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO.

IN ADVANCING HIS CANDIDACY, ECHEVERRIA HAS ESPOUSED CAUSES OF INTEREST TO THE MORE RADICAL THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES OF WHICH THE GROUP OF 77 SPECIAL MINISTERIAL SESSION IN MEXICO IS THE LATEST INSTANCE. ALTHOUGH THE NON-ALIGNED CLAIM IT TO BE THEIR TURN TO PROVIDE THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT WALDHEIM HAS OAU ENDORSEMENT AND WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED AT THE RECENT COLOMBO CONFERENCE. ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY HAS NOT YET BEEN ENDORSED BY ANY GROUP, INCLUDING THE LATIN AMERICAN. THOUGH THE MEXICANS HAVE RAISED WITH US INFORMALLY

ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY AND REPORTEDLY HAVE ASKED OTHERS FOR SUPPORT OF THIS CANDIDACY, THE MEXICANS SO FAR HAVE NOT PRESSED US FOR OUR REACTION. APPOINTMENT IS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHERE THE VETO IS APPLICABLE. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF INTENSE DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. ONE REPORTED SCENARIO IS BASED ON A HOPED FOR PRC VETO TO A SECOND TERM FOR WALDHEIM.

YOUR TALKING POINTS (IF RAISED)

WHILE WALDHEIM HAS MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS AVAILABILITY FOR REAPPOINTMENT, HE IS CLEARLY AVAILABLE.

8. FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS (IF RAISED)

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO RECENTLY CONCLUDED FIVE MONTHS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHERIES ISSUES WHICH AROSE FROM MEXICAN EXTENSION OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES. THE AGREEMENT IS SUPPORTED
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BY THE VARIOUS U.S.FISHERMEN AND INDUSTRIES INVOLVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GULF STATE SHRIMPERS WHO STRONGLY OPPOSE. THE MEXICANS ARE PRESSING US TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT OR THEY WILL BEGIN SEIZING OUR BOATS.

YOUR TALKING POINT

THE AGREEMENT IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

9. LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS

MEXICO HAS OVER THE YEARS PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, MEXICO RECENTLY ASSUMED A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF 77 AND IS URGING THAT SOME FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES BE RENEGOTIATED. MEXICO CLAIMS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MINING ENTERPRISE WOULD BE NON-VIABLE.

YOUR TALKING POINT

IT IS URGENT THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE END POSITIVELY, AS A STALEMATE WOULD RESULT IN STRONG U.S. PUBLIC PRES-SURE TO BEGIN MINING THE SEABED UNILATERALLY.

10. AVIATION ROUTES (IF RAISED)

IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURES FROM THE MEXICAN TOURIST INDUSTRY, MEXICO MAY SEEK AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF AVIA-TION CONSULTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF AIRLINE ROUTES. THE U.S. AIRLINES WISH TO EXTEND THEIR MEXICO BOUND FLIGHTS TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. MEXICO WISHES ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO MEXICAN RESORTS.

YOUR TALKING POINTS

WE WISH TO CONCLUDE A NEW AIRLINE ROUTE ARRANGEMENT WITH MEXICO.

IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT TALKS COULD BE RESUMED BEFORE EARLY 1977,AS U.S. AVIATION EXPERTS ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO TALKS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES.
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